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This is a series of documents described as "Dobbs" exhibits 1 through 12. These were supplied by Harold Dobbs of the Socialist Workers Party. They consist of an introductory subscription to the MILITANT, an order by Oswald for "The Teachings of Leon Trotsky" and a refund accompanied by a letter regretting that it is out of print, an additional order by Oswald for 3 other publications; The Coming American Revolution, The End of the Comintern, and 1948 Manifesto of the 4th International. In placing this order, he also asked for the words to the song, "The International". These were sent him April 26, 1963.

August 12, 1962, he asked for "some information as to the nature of your party, its policies, etc., as I am very interested in finding out all about your program." They sent him a pamphlet called "The Socialist Workers Party -- What It Is, What It Stands For," and other material.

September 1, 1963, he asked them "how I can get into direct contact with S.W.P. representatives in the Washington D.C.-Baltimore area. I and my family are moving to that area in October. As you know, there is no S.W.P. branch in the New Orleans area where I have been living."

On November 5, 1962, Farrell Dobbs, its National Secretary, wrote Oswald about his application for membership and saying that their constitution requires a minimum of 5 members before a branch can be formed. They suggest that he might find subscribers to the Militant.

He apparently wrote them about his work with reproductions, sending samples, for under date of December 9, 1962, from Bob Chester, he got a letter asking for more information about what Oswald might be able to do but saying that, because of the pressures, their work has to be done locally.

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On March 27, 1963, he got a letter from Joseph Task thanking him for an enclosed clipping and saying that because of Oswald's young age and location they were referring his name to the Young Socialist Alliance for further correspondence.